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The Enterprise office will be closed next week and no issue of the paper may therefore be expected. In making the announcement, it goes without saying, we trust, that we do so with the sincere desire, that the Christmas may be a "merry one" to all our readers, without being marred by vices or excesses of any kind and the New Year may be a "happy" one to them not only at the beginning but until the close of another year.

In the opinion of Ex-President Cleveland, who has lately been interviewed, "the great need of the party is to return to first principles" and he would doubtless have added, if he had given expression to his real views, that the way to "return" would be by making him again the leader of the party. That it "sadly needs rehabilitation on purely democratic lines," as suggested by him, there is no question, but he should have added also that the way for the democratic party to begin, would be to rid itself of "party wreckers" like himself.

Hon. Thomas S. Martin is again spoken of as a Presidential possibility and the prediction is made by one of his admirers, "that if he makes no mistakes, politically or otherwise, within the next few years, his elevation to something of prominence in a political way now seems to be certain." The prudence which the Junior Senator has shown in the past, by keeping quiet and guarding his speech, should allay the fears of his friends, that he will do anything to mar his chances of promotion.

In the list of successful legislators, whose voices are not heard in debate save when the occasion absolutely demands it, the Richmond Times gives a place to Hon. S. Wilkins Matthews, of Accomac, and Hon. John E. Nottingham, of Northampton, and says of the class to which they belong, that they are the "solid, strong leaders of the House who do not believe that oratory is essential to the success of a law-maker and whose cold, hard facts personally and individually presented rather than high-sounding phrases and brilliant bursts of oratory to reach those whom they desire to convert to their mode of thinking." It being the duty of the legislator "to get there" in matters of interest to his constituents, no higher compliment could possibly have been paid them.

The House of Representatives Saturday passed the war revenue reduction bill. The opposition sought to recommit the bill with instructions to report back a measure reducing the revenue at least \$70,000,000 and including a provision for an income tax so drawn as to escape an adverse decision of the Supreme Court. The motion failed 131 to 135. Thereupon the bill was passed with out the concurrence of the minority, who refrained from voting. The amendment placed in the bill to tax express receipts was defeated on an aye and nay vote in the House—125 to 139.

The starfish, according to an investigation recently made by the United States Fish Commission, is the bivalve's deadliest enemy and the menhaden is its natural protector and best friend, because the starfish is the food upon which it principally subsists. The discovery, it is stated, will have the effect of reopening the old controversy of putting an end to or limiting the menhaden fishery along the Atlantic coast.

A reappointment bill has been introduced into Congress making the House membership 357. Should the bill pass Virginia will lose one Congressman. The Virginia members are very much exercised over it. If Virginia retains her present representation of ten Congressmen the membership of the House would have to be increased to 355.

Col. W. J. Bryan, who will be the speaker at the annual banquet of the Jacksonian Club at Omaha, Nebraska, to be given Monday evening, January 7, has announced that he will on this occasion talk about the future policy of the Democratic party.

The Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association has appointed a committee to make arrangements for a banquet to be given in Norfolk January 31 in commemoration of the one hundredth anniversary of the appointment of John Marshall to the Supreme Court of the United States. Guests of national prominence will be invited.

The last Legislature permitted the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to borrow the sum of one hundred thousand dollars for new buildings and increased equipment. Contracts have been let and the work is being pushed on the magnificent buildings at Blacksburg.

Hon. Joseph T. Lawless, Secretary of the Commonwealth, will be a candidate for chairman of the Virginia Democratic State Committee.

The Virginia Methodist Orphanage will soon be erected in Richmond.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway has sent out the following official document to the various Methodist churches in the South, calling on them to make the last night of the year a twentieth century watchnight. "As president of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, I suggest that on Monday night, the 31st of December, a great Methodist watchnight service be held in every church of our vast connection in the interest of the twentieth century fund. The last of the year and the last of the century ought to be made memorable. Watching a new year come in and a new century dawn should be a momentous occasion, like the wonderful spiritual feasts of early Methodism. On Sunday before in all circuits and country places let twentieth century services be held and thank offerings be laid upon the altar of the church. In all villages, towns and cities the greatest feast should be on Monday night of watching and consecration. Addresses should be delivered by those previous on the various triumphs and developments of the now dying century, and an appropriate sermon preached and grateful offerings made, closing with a prayer of consecration as the clock strikes 12, and then the jubilant singing of 'The olden time' and 'The new year' hymns. "Come, let us now our journey pursue, etc."

"Then with an exchange of new century greetings we will go out under the baptism of another Pentecost to achieve greater things in our Lord's wonderful tomorrow. "Brethren of Southern Methodism, let us make this great watchnight a spiritual feast, as was witnessed in that historic love feast in Fetter Lane, London, January 1, 1729. If so, the glow and glory of it will abide through the century."

Bryan to be an Editor.

Lincoln, Neb., December 15.—William J. Bryan gave out to-day the following statement: "I have, for several years, had in contemplation the establishment of a weekly newspaper, and this seems an opportune time for undertaking it. Intending to devote my life to the study and discussion of public questions, I have taken this method because it will best accomplish the purpose which I have in view. Through a paper I will be able to keep in touch with social, economic, and political problems. The paper will, at the same time, if successful, provide an income sufficient for my pecuniary needs, and this kind of work will allow me more time with my family than I have been able to enjoy for several years past. "I expect to lecture occasionally, especially in college towns, where I can speak to students; but my principal work will be done with the pen, or, perhaps, I should say, with the pencil. "The paper will be called the Commonwealth, and will defend the principles set forth in the Kansas City platform. I shall be publisher and editor, place of publication, Lincoln."

Virginia News.

The Governor will probably grant the usual number of pardons this Christmas. For several years it has been the custom of the Virginia Executive to liberate some of the most deserving convicts at this festive season.

A fatal disease, which veterinarians diagnose as a combination of blind staggers and spinal meningitis, has made its appearance in Norfolk county, and many fine horses have recently succumbed to it. The animal died within from two to twenty hours after the first symptoms appeared. The same disease was a short time ago prevalent in Hampton and vicinity.

It is reported on good authority that John Wanamaker, the Philadelphia merchant, will shortly establish a department store in Norfolk. The Pinkney estate, of Washington, D. C., owns one of the best business sites in the town. The buildings now on this property will be razed and a five-story building erected. This, it is said, has already been secured by Wanamaker.

It is reported that one of the largest car manufacturing plants in the country will shortly be removed to Norfolk from St. Louis, Mo., where it has for years been in successful operation. The plant employs from 750 to 1,000 men. The site for the new plant is said to have been selected near Sewell's Point, on Hampton Roads, and the line of the Norfolk and Atlantic Terminal railroad.

The Best Plaster.

A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound to the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest, give it a trial and you are certain to be made whole. It affords the prompt relief which it affords. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism. One application gives relief. For sale by Wm. P. Bell & Co., Accomac C. H., Va.

Presiding Elder's Appointments, M. E. Church, South.

Atlantic, Hometown—Dec. 22, 23, Pocotome, Sanford—Dec. 23, p. m., 24, a. m. Keller, Oak Grove—Dec. 29, 30, a. m. Wachapreague, Wachapreague—Dec. 30, night; 31, Bloxom, Guilford—Jan. 3, 4, Drummondtown, Drummondtown—Jan. 5, 6, a. m. Onley, Locustville—Jan. 6, p. m.; 7, a. m. Pungoteague, Pungoteague—Jan. 19, 20, Belle Haven, Belle Haven—Jan. 20, night; 21, Franktown, Johnstown—Jan. 27, 28, Onancock, Andrews Chapel—Feb. 2, 3.

Unclaimed Letters.

Mail remaining unclaimed in the postoffice at Accomac, Va., month ending December 1st, 1900. Miss Lucia Bailey, Miss Evelyn Eyer, Miss Alice Mapp, Mrs. Alice Matthews, Miss Minnie Matthews, Mrs. Lucy Savage, Miss Liza Taylor, Mr. George C. Blair, Mr. Robt. Carothers, Jr., Mr. K. Collins, Mr. Geo. Daugherty, Mr. John Fields, Pratt & Bloxom.

Persons claiming the above will please say "advertised" and give date of this list. Henry C. White, Sr., P. M.

Write to us for estimates on doors, sash, blind, stair-rails and all other kinds of building material, hardware, paints, &c. Stock large, prices low. Mr. R. D. Fletcher will be at Accomac C. H., the first day of every County Court, to receive orders for the firm. Cape Charles Ice & Lumber Co.

All overcoats will go about cost until sold out. D. H. Johnson & Son.

To The Public.

On and after December 25th, I will sell my entire stock, except groceries at cost, and will continue until I have finished taking stock, about the 15th of January.

I desire to thank the people for their liberal patronage during this holiday season, and hope to be favored with as good a share in the future. E. F. Guillette, Temperanceville.

One of the great things is light. We can help you to have it. We have the largest line of fine lamps on the Shore for parlor, hall and dining-room. These goods can be sold at 33 per cent less than those bought from jobbers. D. H. Johnson & Son.

Business Notices.

FOR RENT—The lower farm on "Cropperville," lying on Metompkin bay, with all necessary improvements. F. D. Parkes.

PUBLIC AUCTION—I will sell at public auction on Tuesday, December 27th, at 10 a. m. sharp, my entire line of general merchandise, consisting of dry goods, notions, hats, caps, boots, shoes, hardware, cart and carriage material, &c. Terms cash. If that day ineluctable need fall day, Geo. W. Hyslop, Keller, Va.

FOR RENT—For year 1901, my farm near Accomac C. H. For full particulars call on or write to me. Geo. W. Holland, Accomac C. H., Va.

PUBLIC AUCTION—I will sell at public auction at Grangeville, where I reside, on Wednesday the 26th of December, 1900, a part of my household and kitchen furniture, potato bed frames, good cart, excellent row horse, carriage, road cart, &c., &c. Sale to commence at 10 a. m. Terms made known on day of sale. G. W. Neck.

WANTED—A No. 1 clerk in a grocery store, good worker and who has good business ideas, that can buy and keep stock. Letters will be forwarded addressed to X. X. "Enterprise" office.

FOR RENT—House and lot in Pungoteague recently occupied by C. R. Day. Apply to Dr. J. H. Ayres, Accomac C. H., Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning or otherwise trespassing on our farms located in Custis Neck under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of law. The Misses Custis.

NOTICE—Several thousand dollars to lend on farm land security. Loans must be first class. T. B. Quinby, Accomac, Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning or otherwise trespassing on our premises in Custis Neck under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of law. Washington Lilliston.

WANTED—Operators to make wafers in factory. Will pay learners \$2.50 for the first four weeks. Board \$2.00. Call or write to J. E. Powell, Pocotome City, Md.

FOR SALE—Having retired from farming I will sell at a nominal price my fine Collie dog, Grover Cleveland. He is a fine watch dog and of the finest stock on Eastern Shore. For further information, address A. Frank Byrd, Box 44, Temperanceville, Va.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free, at Wm. P. Bell & Co's drug store.

FOR LOAN—\$2,500 by first lien on unencumbered real estate. John R. Rew, Parkside, Va.

NOTICE—On and after December 1st, we will offer some great bargains in ready-made clothing. Owing to the warm season we have too much clothing on hand, and they must go at some price, some at cost and some for less. We have in stock large line of overcoats which we will sell at cost. Come and see our stock. It is one of the best on the Shore and you will be pleased with the goods and the low prices. D. H. Johnson & Son.

FOR SALE—Bedroom sets, springs and mattresses, upholstered and painted chairs, black walnut frames, rockers and small chairs, cook stove and utensils, 2 regal stoves, ice chest, sits bath, carpets and matting. Miss Sallie Parramore, Accomac C. H., Va.

NOTICE—All persons indebted to us must settle their accounts at once, as there will be a change in firm on 1st of January next, E. T. Coleburn retiring. After 1st of January all unsettled claims will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection. W. C. Coleburn & Son.

FOR SALE—An upright piano, latest style, good make, cheap, furniture, carpets, matting, stoves, 4 horses, 4 carriages, 1 dayton, wagon, new suit of double harness, pole and many other things. Call and see me if you want bargains in them. Leave for Baltimore soon and will sell at a sacrifice. E. T. Coleburn, Accomac C. H.

FOR SALE—Mahogany store counter and shelves already to put up. Will sell cheap. Richard Parker, Bogg's Wharf, Va.

FOR RENT—My farm at Hometown, occupied at present by Jos. A. Eubart, is for rent for next year. It is a three horse farm, with plenty of resources and well adapted to trucks. Mrs. Addie Parks, 61 W. 117th St., New York city.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle in effect. For sale by Wm. P. Bell & Co., Accomac C. H., Va.

NOTICE—All persons are hereby forewarned from gunning or trespassing on our way on that part of the premises known as "Bown's Folly," occupied or rented out by me under penalty of a prosecution to the full extent of law. Wm. H. Cootton.

AS USUAL!

I have many things both beautiful and useful, suitable for CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

Write, send or bring your orders, every dollar you spend here gets 100 cents worth.

In Books I have some of the latest.

Writing Desks, Pictures, Odor and Jewel Cases, Photograph Cases, Military Brushes, Chocolate Sets, After-Dinner Coffees, Salad Bowls, Bread and Butter Plates, Cake Plates, Comb and Brush Trays, Jelly Jars, Lamps, Doll, Games, &c., &c., &c.

A full line of Lowney's Candy.

W. T. WISE, Onancock, Va.

Christmas IS Coming!

For the occasion J. Adelstein, practical Watch Maker and Jeweler, has selected and received an unusually fine and complete line of—HOLIDAY AND OTHER GOODS.

To say that they are both beautiful and cheap does not express it and we can truthfully say that they consist of the best values to be had directly from the best factories. Our Gold, Gold Filled and Silver Watches are of the best makes and improved styles at lowest prices. Our Jewelry Department is full and complete with latest designs in Brooches, Rings, Chains, Bracelets, etc. Handsome and cheap Clocks always in stock. Spectacles, Sterling Silver, Silverware and Novelties too numerous to mention. We have in all the latest styles at lowest prices. In addition we have a full new line of—Furnishings,

consisting in part of Hats, Caps, Shoes, Collars, Handkerchiefs (in silk and linen), Neckties of latest and best styles, Suspenders, Over two hundred styles and patterns of Dress Shirts, Half Hose and Hosiery, Umbrellas, Toilet Soaps and Perfumes, in variety. All of which we offer you at lowest prices. No trouble to show goods. Repairing a specialty. Come and see us. Respectfully yours, J. ADELSTEIN, New Brick Building, North St., Onancock, Va.

You Should See—THE—GREAT BIG STOCK OF XMAS GOODS—AT—Mrs. W. F. Hudson's, WACHAPREAGUE.

It is the positive fact that she carries the best and largest assortment on the Shore, such as Handkerchief and Glove Cases, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Ink Stands, Calendars, Writing Desks, Work Boxes, Albums, Mirrors, Games, Novels, Dolls from 1 cent up, Doll Carriages, Wagons, Planes, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Cradles, Stoves, Cups, Saucers and plates, Shaving Sets, Xmas tree ornaments, a fine line of Silverware and other things too numerous to mention.

Call and examine for yourselves before purchasing elsewhere.

XMAS GOODS.

—CLOTHING—AT—COST—AND—LESS—

I am now closing out my stock of Clothing at and below cost. The public is cordially invited to come and examine my stock, and to those not able to buy I will give a suit of clothing I have also on hand as nice a line of—SHOES

as can be found on the Eastern Shore, which I will sell cheap for cash or produce.

Christmas, a time when everybody likes to give and receive Gifts, is nearly here. Come and examine my Christmas presents for both old and young. If you cannot afford to buy a Christmas present, come and I will give you one.

W. H. BLOXOM, Bloxom, Va.

Contractor & Builder—ALSO—

If you contemplate building or if you want any kind of lumber it will pay you to give me a call.

All bills filled promptly and as ordered.

Mill at Coal Kiln. Phone call Coal Kiln. Address G. G. Coulbourn, Painter, Va.

Hay, Coal, Flour, Bricks, Lime, Lathes,

Shingles, Terra Cotta Piping, General Merchandise.

IN Fertilizers, we have Baugh's 7 per cent, Rogers Best, Pernovian Guano, Rogers No. 2, Baugh's Double Eagle and Corn Phosphate, for, round potatoes, peas, onions, corn and sweet potatoes.

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